

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR ROMANIA

ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

A. Eligible product

1. Poultry and poultry products.
2. Beef and beef products.
3. Pork and pork products.

B. Ineligible Product

1. Sheep and goat meat
2. Poultry products originating from birds grown in the states of Texas and Ohio due to an outbreak of infectious laryngotracheitis.*
3. Beef products originating from beef animals raised in States which have had confirmed cases of vesicular stomatitis (vs) within the last 12 months (for Romania include bovine or equine cases).

Note: It is the responsibility of the exporter to monitor outbreak information provided by APHIS , available on the Internet at the following website:
www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ep/. After verifying that the origin of animals meets Romania requirements, the exporter may be requested by FSIS to provide a statement to FSIS on company letterhead to the effect that the animals from which the beef is derived did not originate from any of the States which were determined by APHIS to have a positive finding of vesicular stomatitis within the last 12 months. The FSIS veterinarian may request this statement before signing FSIS Form 9250-2.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Certification Requirements

1. Obtain FSIS form 9060-5--Export Certificate of Wholesomeness.
2. Obtain the following FSIS forms:
 - a. FSIS form 9250-1--Veterinary Certificate for Poultry Meat to Romania.
 - b. FSIS form 9250-2--Veterinary Certificate for Beef Meat to Romania.
 - c. FSIS form 9250-3--Veterinary Certificate for Pork Meat to Romania.
3. Signatures on certificates - All required forms and supplementary statements must be signed by an FSIS veterinarian(name, degree [DVM or equivalent] must be typed or printed after the signature).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A. The production date must be included on the export certificate for all U.S. meat products exported

to Romania.

B. Shelf-life requirements. The time period that elapses from freezing until the product reaches destination in Romania cannot exceed the following:

Beef: 12 months

Mutton and lamb: 10 months

Poultry: 12 months

Variety meats (including spinal cords): 3 months

C. Freezing requirements. The internal temperature of the meat from time of freezing until destination must be maintained at or below minus 18 degrees Celsius.

D. Trichinae

1. Pork meat, including offals, must be trichinae treated according to one of the methods described in 9 CFR 318.10. The term "certified pork" must be indicated on the label of each carton.

2. Alternatively, pork meat, including offals, can be derived from carcasses that were tested for trichinae with negative results. The letter "T" must be indicated on the label of each carton.

3. If carcasses are exported, each carcass must have been tested for trichinae with negative results. Each carcass must be marked with the letter "T".

PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

A. All Federally inspected beef and poultry plants are eligible to export to Romania.

B. Federally inspected pork plants operating a USDA HACCP program are eligible to produce pork products for export to Romania. Questions regarding the HACCP status of an establishment should be directed to the Technical Service Center at (402) 221-7400.

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